

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
320 S MAIN STREET, ROOM 202
JEFFERSON WI 53549
September 4, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Kuhlman, and Tietz. Others Present: Joe Nehmer, Gary Petre, John Molinaro, Jane Stanger, Kim Buchholz, Bill Kern, and Karyn Spory. Absent: Nass.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance

4. Review of the Agenda – Approved

5. Public Comment - none

6. Approval of August 6, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Kelly, seconded by Tietz, to approve the August 6, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Communications

- a. Rock River Trail Formally Dedicated in Jefferson – Daily Jefferson County Union
- b. Board OK's Memo About Glacial Heritage Area – Watertown Daily Times
- c. Dog Days of Summer – Daily Jefferson County Union and Jefferson City Cable
- d. Mason Jar Jamboree on September 22 – Daily Jefferson County Union
- e. Great Rock River Sweep – Daily Jefferson County Union
- f. Rock River Sweep Seeks Cleanup Volunteers – Jefferson County Advertiser
- g. Jefferson Boys Win P-E invite
- h. Email from George Blackwell regarding metal detecting in county parks

8. 2013 Budget discussion

Petre presented a draft copy of the recommended Parks Budget for 2013. The budget was discussed by the Parks Committee.

9. Discussion and possible decision to use \$25,000 from the Carol Liddle Fund for the Garman Knowlton project

Nehmer requested we transfer to the City of Waterloo \$25,000 from the Carol Liddle Fund in support of the Garman Knowlton Trailhead project. The City of Waterloo had requested the support of this project in June and now we have an official request for the \$25,000 support from the City of Waterloo. The city has over \$993,000 pledged or in hand for the project, our county dollars for this project will consist of improvements for Fox Lane as well as help construct the strategically located trail facility adjacent to the Trek Bicycle Corporation.

Motion made by Kuhlman, seconded by Tietz to transfer \$25,000 from the Carol Liddle Fund to Garman Knowlton Trailhead project. Carried 4-0.

10. Discussion and possible decision to use \$6,000 from the Carol Liddle Fund for a shelter at Garman Nature Preserve.

Nehmer requested the committee use \$6,000 from the Carol Liddle Fund to build a small shelter at the Garman Nature Preserve to serve the public.

Motion made by Tietz, seconded by Kuhlman to use \$6,000 from the Carol Liddle Fund to build the shelter at Garman Nature Preserve. Carried 4-0.

11. Discussion and possible decision to lower speed limit on Hwy B, Rock River Park

Kern stated this item had been discussed a few years back with no action. The issue is exiting the park drive onto HWY B, there is a visibility issue with the entrance to the park being too close to the bridge and coming out of the park the bridge's guardrail hinders the view of oncoming traffic. The speed limit is 55 mph. Kern noted that this is a straight away and cars would not slow. Kern noted that there hasn't been any accidents in the area. Suggestions were discussed: moving the entrance to the other side of the park, putting up signs and lowering the speed limit. No action was taken at this time.

12. Discussion and Possible Decision on request to lower speed limit on CTH J from the bike trail to City of Jefferson

Kern informed the committee that the Highway Department visited the issue and voted to take a resolution to the County Board in October to lower the speed limit to 45mph from the bypass to CTH J and to 35 mph from STH 25 into the city limits.

13. Quirk Foundation Grant Request – Supervisor Tietz

Tietz informed the committee he has submitted a grant request to the Quirk Foundation for a future river campground that he is working with GHA to acquire.

14. Disc Golf at Welcome Travelers Park

Wiesmann updated the committee on the installation of 4 disc golf stations that have been installed at Welcome Travelers Park. Pictures were shown to the committee members for their review.

15. Kanow Tree Harvest Update

Wiesmann updated the committee on the Kanow tree harvest which is in progress and showed pictures of the harvest.

16. GHA Update

Molinaro updated the committee on the next meeting of the GHA which will be held at the Fairpark.

17. Set Tentative Meeting Date/Time: October 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

18. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:12 made by Kuhlman, seconded by Tietz.
Motion carried 4-0.**